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1. REFTEL PROVIDES INFORMATION ON POSSIBLE MILITARY REVIEW OF 14 BATTERY HAWK SYSTEM FOR JORDAN. IT WAS BASED ON WHAT WE CONSIDER TO BE EITHER INCOMPLETE COVERAGE IN THE ORIGINAL JADAT REPORT OR SELF IMPOSED LIMITATION BASED ON PRESUMED FUNDING AVAILABILITIES WHICH THEN MADE FOR THE RECOMMENDATION OF A PACKAGE CONTAINING ONLY 6 BATTERIES. WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THE DEPARTMENT HAS COPIES OF THE ORIGINAL REPORT BUT WE BELIEVE THE FOLLOWING QUOTATIONS WILL HELP TO ILLUMINATE WHAT WE MEAN AND PROVIDE THEM FOR THAT PURPOSE.

2. BEGIN QUOTE. PAGE 6 INTRODUCTION

(S) FUNDS AVAILABLE TO JORDAN FOR AIR DEFENSE IMPROVEMENT. THE JADAT IS NOT AWARE OF SPECIFIC FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR MODERNIZATION OF THE JORDANIAN AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES A TENTATIVE \$130 MILLION US SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IS A POSSIBLE INCREMENTAL SOURCE OF FINANCING.

PAGE 16, DISCUSSION OF RECOMMENDATION.

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(S) IT SHOUD BE RECOGNIZED THAT THE ADA PACKAGES

DESCRIBED IN THIS REPORT REPRESENT ONLY A FIRST STEP TOWARD DEVELOPING A COMPLETELY VARIABLE AIR DEFENSE. THE PACKAGES DO NOT ALWAYS FOLLOW US ARMY AIR DEFENSE ARTICLLARY CONCEPTS OF A MIX OF HAWK, CHAPPARAL/VULCAN AND REDEYE. THE OPTIONS OFFERED, HOWEVER ARE IN THEMSELVES VALID AND PROVIDE A BASIC SYSTEM UPON WHICH TO BUILD WITH FUTURE ADA ACQUISITIONS. THESE FOLLOW-ON ACQUISITIONS SHOULD ADDRESST THE FOLLOWING.

(1) LOW TO MEDIUM RANGE ALTITUDE COVERAGE OVER ARMY DIVISION.

(2) A FOLLOW ON GUN SYSTEM WITH INCREASED RANGE AND LETHALITY.

(3) A SHOULDER FIRED WEAPON OF THE REDEYE TYPE TO PROVIDE ORGANIC AIR DEFENSE TO MANEUVER BATTALIONS. AT PRESENT TIME THE REDEYE PRODUCTION LINES ARE CLOSED. IT IS ESTIMATE THAT THE EXCESSIVE COSTS INVOLVED IN RESUMING PRODUCTION WILL RAISE THE COST OF EACH REDEYE MISSILE TO \$20,000. PLUS. THERE ARE NOT EXCESS ASSETS IN THE ACTIVE ARMY INVENTORY THEREFORE REDEYE WAS NOT ADDRESSED IN NEAR TERM RECOMMENDATION

(4) AN IMPROVED SHORT RANGE AIR DEFENSE MISSILE SYSTEM WITH AN ALL WEATHER DAY-NIGHT CAPABILITY SUCH AS THE ROLAND II, CROATALE,OR RAPIER, BLINDFIRE
PAGE 21,NOTE 4.

(S) HAWK WAS CONSIDERED FOR ARMY DIVISION/AIRBASE DEFENSE AS A NEAR TERM IMPROVEMENT BUT WAS REJECTED DUE TO HIGH COSTS.

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